

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODERNISATION OF POWERLOOM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for modernisation of decentralized powerloom sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any efforts for modernisation of centres of this sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the cloth in terms of million metres produced by this sector during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. For modernisation of powerloom sector , the Government of India has implemented with effect from 06.11.2003, a 20% credit linked capital subsidy scheme for the benchmarked technology pertaining to weaving and preparatory machinery in the powerloom sector. The investment limit on this machinery has been raised to Rs.1.00 crores with effect from 13.01.2005 from the previous limit of Rs.60.00 lakhs. Further, a 5% interest subsidy under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme is also available to the powerloom sector. The powerloom sector is free to choose between benefits under 20% credit linked capital subsidy scheme or the 5% interest subsidy under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS).

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has initiated a scheme for modernisation and strengthening of Powerloom Service Centres (PSC). The scheme provides for upgrading the infrastructural facilities in the PSC's with improved looms, accessories, training and teaching aids and other associated facilities. Out of total 44 PSC's in the country, 21 have already been modernized and 14 are presently under modernisation.

(e) & (f) The quantum of fabrics produced by powerloom sector during the last three years, year-wise, is as under :

Year Production (in million square metres)

2002-2003 25954

2003-2004 26947

2004-2005 28526 (Provisional)